



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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September 18, 2006

### Vegetable Harvest Winding Down

Farmers had **4.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 17, 2006. Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week. A majority of the **corn** crop is drying down and over 91 percent of the crop is mature. **Corn** harvest continues, slowed by rains at end of week. **Corn silage** harvest is progressing with 91 percent harvested compared with a five-year average of 73 percent. **Soybeans** condition has improved from the rains. There have been a few reports of **Soybeans** being cut.

Most farmers are on their fourth cutting of **alfalfa** and other **hay**. **Hay** supplies are rated 2 percent very short, 22 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. **Pasture** is rated 3 in excellent condition, 50 percent good, 26 percent fair, 14 percent poor and 7 percent very poor.

### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<u>Field Crops</u> <i>Percent</i>				
<b>Corn: Dent</b>	99	98	100	93
<b>Mature</b>	91	83	81	71
<b>Harvested for Grain</b>	23	17	32	25
<b>Harvested for Silage</b>	91	85	96	73
<b>Soybeans: Turning Color</b>	44	31	46	31
<b>Dropping Leaves</b>	29	18	31	15
<u>Hay</u>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay: 4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	55	53	52	48
<b>Other Hay: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	94	94	93	94
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	30	27	4	21
<u>Vegetables Harvested</u>				
<b>Cucumbers</b>	91	88	93	94
<b>Lima Beans (Processed)</b>	62	57	81	55
<b>Potatoes</b>	99	98	93	97
<u>Fruits Harvested</u>				
<b>Apples</b>	42	29	44	41

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This	Last	Average	This	Last	Average
	Week	Week	2001-2005	Week	Week	2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	2	3	12	5	11	11
<b>Short</b>	3	14	20	22	40	24
<b>Adequate</b>	84	78	59	71	48	59
<b>Surplus</b>	11	5	8	2	1	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.06	28.30	-1.36	80	56	66	-4
Frederick	1.12	29.50	1.12	83	57	65	0
Frostburg	0.63	26.22	-8.63	76	52	59	-3
Hagerstown	1.69	25.66	-2.19	80	54	64	-4
Mechanicsville	1.89	36.71	3.84	78	54	64	-6
Patuxent River	1.55	28.23	-2.54	82	60	69	-1
Ocean City	1.03	26.07	-7.29	76	51	68	-2
Salisbury	1.14	32.58	-1.05	80	47	66	-4
Sharpsburg	1.56	31.91	3.53	80	57	65	1
Stevensville	1.49	32.19	1.76	79	56	67	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.78	34.94	6.93	83	60	67	-5
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.59	29.17	-2.97	79	54	68	-4
Georgetown	1.35	32.20	-0.38	79	50	67	-2
Wilmington	1.43	35.96	6.19	80	51	67	-2

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.